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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. I may assure the hon. Member that steps are being taken in that respect."

Murder cases in Malabar

* 749 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cases of murder reported to have taken place in the Malabar district from 1st April 1954 to 15th November 1954;

(*b*) how many have been detected and how many not; and

(*c*) whether the Government have received any representation with regard to the manner of investigations into the alleged murder of one Gopalan, in Nellikode village in Kozhikode taluk?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) 28 cases.

" (*b*) Charge-sheets have been filed in 26 cases and 2 cases are under investigation.

" (*c*) No Sir."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, may I know how many of the 26 cases have ended in conviction and how many in acquittal? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Eleven cases have ended in conviction, one in acquittal and fourteen are still pending."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" Sir, may I know how many of these 26 cases were of a political nature? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, if the hon. Member wants to know how many cases were by Communists and how many against the Communists, I do not have that information."

Harijan Welfare School for Kil-puthupattu village

* 750 *Q.*—SRI M. VENUGOPALA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any application was received from the villagers of Kil-puthupattu village, Marakkanam firka, Tindivanam taluk, for the opening of a Harijan Welfare School in that village, during 1953–54; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) A petition for opening a Harijan Welfare School at the Kil-puthupattu village was received from one Sri K. Thangavelu on behalf of the Harijans of the village.

" (*b*) Proposals for opening a school in the village are being considered in connection with the Budget for 1955–56."